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## TOLD BOILERS WERE DEFECTIVE

"The Chief Machinist of the Bennington told me that the boilers of the ship were unsafe. It was common talk about the forecastle of the boat that the boilers were in bad condition and there was talk as to whether she would be repaired after we got back." STATEMENT MADE TODAY BY G. A. WHITLOCK, A SEAMAN OF THE GUNBOAT BENNINGTON, WHO IS NOW UNDER ARREST ON THE U. S. S. IROQUOIS TO ANSWER TO A CHARGE OF DESERTION.

### BENNINGTON MEN THOUGHT SO IN HONOLULU

CHIEF MACHINIST TOLD SEAMAN G. A. WHITLOCK SO—LATTER CLAIMS THAT BOILERS OF THE GUNBOAT WERE UNSAFE—WAS COMMON TALK ABOUT THE FORECASTLE THAT BOILERS NEEDED REPAIRING AND WOULD BE PUT OUT OF COMMISSION SOON.

According to the statement made by G. A. Whitlock, the deserter who left the gunboat Bennington at this port, it was common talk among the crew that the boilers on the vessels were unsafe. Whitlock was interviewed aboard the Iroquois this afternoon by a representative of the Star regarding any conversation or rumor that might have been heard among the crew of the Bennington regarding the boilers.

It was during the course of the interview that Whitlock made the statement already printed. "But," added Whitlock, "that was just forecastle talk. I had no way of knowing anything about the boilers except what I heard the men talking about her. The men aboard seemed to think that she was in need of repairs and would have to be overhauled after we got back." Whitlock declined to say whether this

talk aboard the vessel had anything to do with his leaving the gunboat. It was at first surmised that perhaps it might have been the fear of a boiler explosion that led him to jump the ship, but inasmuch as Whitlock in his official statement to Captain Niblack said that he had not intended to remain away from the vessel, there appears to be no foundation for such explanation for the alleged desertion. In answer to a question, Whitlock said that he had never heard anybody predict that the boilers would blow up. Whitlock was granted shore leave from 7 p. m. of July 7 to 4 a. m. of July 8. He remained away until today. From investigations by the local naval authorities it is thought that the man was harbored by certain people ashore, contrary to the revised statutes. A prosecution of those who are thought to have secreted the man may follow.

## IS AFTER TRUSTS

BRECKONS HAS BEEN RENEWING HIS INVESTIGATIONS OF THE LOCAL BEEF COMBINE AND OTHER COMBINATIONS IN ALLEGED RESTRAINT OF TRADE—REPORT THAT ACTION IS LIKELY TO BE TAKEN AGAINST SOME SUCH COMBINATIONS.

The investigations of local business have been taken up again by United Combinations, among them the "beef trust," which are alleged to have violated the United States anti-trust laws.

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## CARTER WANTS ASSURANCE OF SUPPORT

(Associated Press Cable to The Star).

OYSTER BAY, July 24.—Governor George R. Carter of Hawaii visited President Roosevelt today and took luncheon. It is understood that Carter desires less to resign as Governor of the Territory, than to obtain assurances from the President of the support of the national government in his administration of affairs in the Hawaiian Islands.

## FIFTY-EIGHT DEAD

SAN DIEGO, July 24.—Fifty-eight of the dead killed in the Bennington accident last Friday have been identified. Thirty-six others were wounded, seven being in a critical condition. There was one deserter from the crew not aboard. Ninety-one of those aboard were uninjured.

The boilers are jammed against the steel bulkhead, one boiler having been moved a distance of fifteen feet by the force of the explosion. A Court of Inquiry has begun an investigation into the cause of the disaster.

G. A. Whitlock is the name of the deserter who is reported today in the cable dispatches as having been absent from the gunboat Bennington in San Diego when the accident occurred on that craft. The man surrendered himself this morning at the U. S. S. Iroquois. He was a seaman and left the gunboat the night she left Honolulu.

## KAISER MEETS CZAR

BERLIN, July 24.—Emperors William of Germany and Nicolas of Russia met today off the Swedish coast. The conversation between them was personal. It is believed that the Kaiser advised the Czar to make peace.

## PAUL JONES TEMPORARY TOMB

ANNAPOLIS, Md., July 24.—The body of Admiral John Paul Jones, the founder of the American navy, was landed here today. The casket was placed in a temporary vault.

BRITISH CABINET WILL NOT RESIGN.

LONDON, July 24.—Premier Balfour today announced to the House of Commons that the Ministry would not resign in consequence of the adverse vote taken last week on the resolution to reduce the Irish representation.

## MAJORITY BENNINGTON VICTIMS WERE PROBABLY ON DECK

The horror of the catastrophe on the gunboat Bennington increases with each report. The list of dead is now more than double the first estimates sent out the day of the accident. On Friday, the day of the accident, the dead was given as 27, yesterday the dead had increased to 55.

At the Naval Station no details other than those supplied by the press dispatches, have been received. Captain Lyon is of the opinion that not a man in the fire room of the vessel escaped alive. If they were not killed outright by the explosion, they would probably have been burned to death by the escaping steam. Every man connected with this part of the ship's complement could not have been in the fire rooms however for only one watch was on duty at the time of the explosion and the other watches were, in all likelihood, off duty in the forecastle asleep or else on deck.

An explanation for the unusually large list of fatalities is found in the fact that the men were probably assembled on the deck immediately above the fatal boiler. The boat was about to get under way to leave the port and the crew were in all likelihood, grouped about the vessel, taking a farewell look at the city or else saying farewell to friends from ashore, who had come out in pleasure craft to the side of the vessel. The boiler was just forward of the main-mast and between the main

## DID CARTER AND ROOSEVELT DISAGREE?

INDEFINITE NEWS REGARDING THE RESULT OF THE INTERVIEW AT OYSTER BAY TODAY—ATKINSON STRENUOUSLY DENIES THAT THE GOVERNOR AND THE PRESIDENT DO NOT AGREE ABOUT LAND POLICY IN HAWAII.

The Associated Press cable regarding the interview between President Roosevelt and Governor Carter is taken by many as indicating that the two did not altogether agree, as it appears that there has been no definite announcement of what is to take place.

Since Governor Carter's statement in San Francisco that there were "politics" which he promised Roosevelt to carry out and which he found himself unable to carry out, local rumor has had it that there was a difference of opinion between Carter and the President as to the land policy here. It is understood to be Roosevelt's idea that the land must be turned over as much as possible to settlers, in all part of the islands, and it is stated that Carter did not approve this policy. At the

## CARTER

## REMAINS GOVERNOR

Acting Governor Atkinson this afternoon received a message from Governor Carter, sent after the latter's conference with Roosevelt at Oyster Bay. The message said "I shall continue." This means that Carter will remain governor.

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